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METHODS FOR SENDING AND

RECEIVING CONTENT AND SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING CONTENT THROUGH

USE OF E-MAIL OR THE LIKE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 35, 36 and 37 with the following amended claims:

35. (Amended) The server of claim 34, further comprising:

a program delivery unit for delivering, to an arbitrary terminal, a program for causing execution of the steps of:

4 updating an awaiting content list by storing awaiting content

- 5 information in the awaiting content list, the awaiting content information
- 6 including a delivery validity period that is previously registered with a
- 7 distributor requested to deliver the content and represents a period during
- 8 which the delivery of the content is accepted, and an address of the distributor
- 9 requested to deliver the content; and